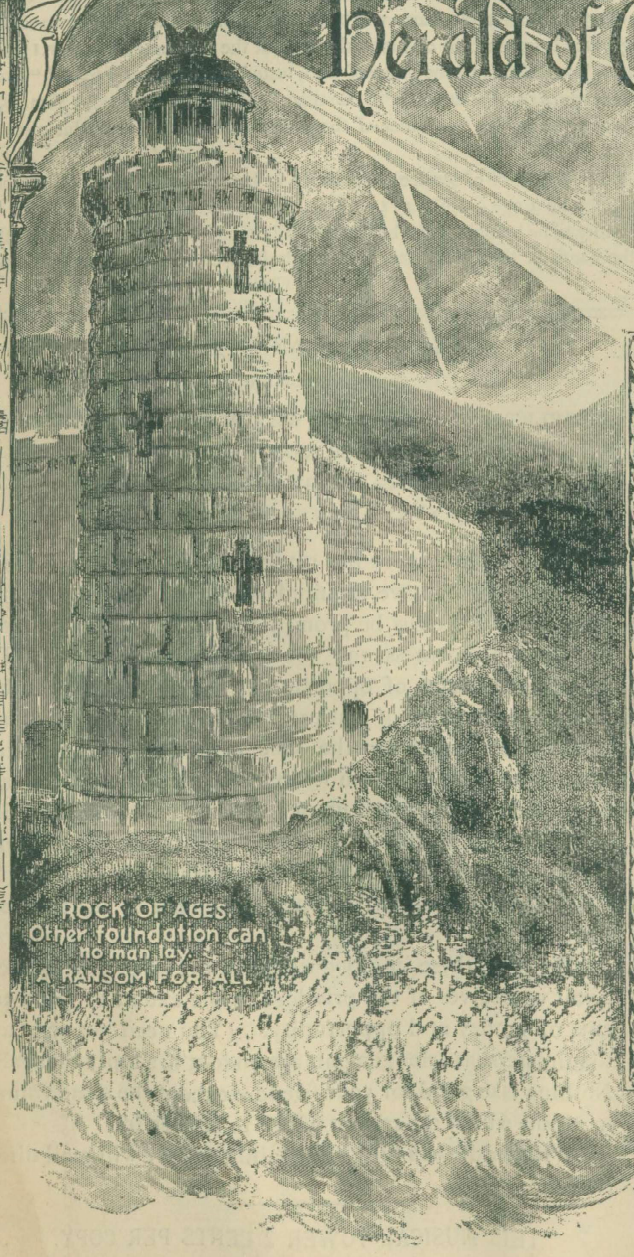
ZION'S WATCH TOWER

And

Herald of Christ's Presence



"Watchman, What of the Night?"
"The Morning Cometh, and a Night also!" Isaiah 21:11

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"I will stand upon my watch, and will set my foot upon the Tower, and will watch to see what He will say unto me, and what answer I shall make to them that oppose me." Hab. 2:1.

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Upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity: the sea and the waves (the restless, discontented) roaring: men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking forward to the things coming upon the earth (society): for the powers of the heavens (ecclesiasticism) shall be shaken. . . . When ye see these things come to pass, then know that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Look up, lift up your heads, rejoice, for your redemption draweth nigh.—Luke 21:25-28, 31

THIS JOURNAL AND ITS MISSION.

THIS journal is set for the defence of the only true foundation of the Christian's hope now being so generally repudiated,—Redemption through the precious blood of "the man Christ Jesus who gave himself a *ransom* [a corresponding price, a substitute] for all." (1 Pet. 1:19; 1 Tim. 2:6.) Building up on this sure foundation the gold, silver and precious stones (1 Cor. 3:11–15; 2 Pet. 1:5–11) of the Word of God, its further mission is to— "Make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery which . . . has been hid in God, . . . to the intent that now might be made known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God"—"which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed."—Eph. 3:5–9, 10.

It stands free from all parties, sects and creeds of men, while it seeks more and more to bring its every utterance into fullest subjection to the will of God in Christ, as expressed in the Holy Scriptures. It is thus free to declare boldly whatsoever the Lord hath spoken;—according to the divine wisdom granted unto us, to understand. Its attitude is not dogmatical, but confident; for we know whereof we affirm, treading with implicit faith upon the sure promises of God. It is held as a trust, to be used only in his service; hence our decisions relative to what may and what may not appear in its columns must be according to our judgment of his good pleasure, the teaching of his Word, for the upbuilding of his people in grace and knowledge. And we not only invite but urge our readers to prove all its utterances by the infallible Word to which reference is constantly made, to facilitate such testing.

TO US THE SCRIPTURES CLEARLY TEACH

That the Church is "the Temple of the Living God"—peculiarly "His workmanship;" that its construction has been in progress throughout the Gospel age—ever since Christ became the world's Redeemer and the chief corner stone of this Temple, through which, when finished, God's blessings shall come "to all people," and they find access to him.—1 Cor. 3:16, 17; Eph. 2:20–22; Gen. 28:14; Gal. 3:29.

That meantime the chiseling, shaping and polishing, of consecrated believers in Christ's atonement for sin, progresses; and when the last of these "living stones," "elect and precious," shall have been made ready, the great Master Workman will bring all together in the First Resurrection; and the Temple shall be filled with his glory, and be the meeting place between God and men throughout the Millennium.—Rev. 15:5–8

That the Basis of Hope, for the Church and the World, lies in the fact that "Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for *every* man," "a ransom for all," and will be "the true light which lighteth *every man that cometh into the world*," "in due time."—Heb. 2:9; John 1:9; 1 Tim. 2:5,6.

That the Hope of the Church is that she may be like her Lord, "see him as he is," be "partaker of the divine nature," and share his glory as his joint-heir.—1 John 3:2; John 17:24; Rom. 8:17; 2 Pet. 1:4.

That the present mission of the Church is the perfecting of the saints for the future work of service; to develop in herself every grace; to be God's witness to the world; and to prepare to be the kings and priests of the next age.—Eph. 4:12; Matt. 24:14; Rev. 1:6; 20:6.

That the hope for the World lies in the blessings of knowledge and opportunity to be brought to *all* by Christ's Millennial Kingdom—the restitution of all that was lost in Adam, to all the willing and obedient, at the hands of their Redeemer and his glorified Church—when all the wilfully wicked will be *destroyed*.—Acts 3:19–23; Isa. 35.

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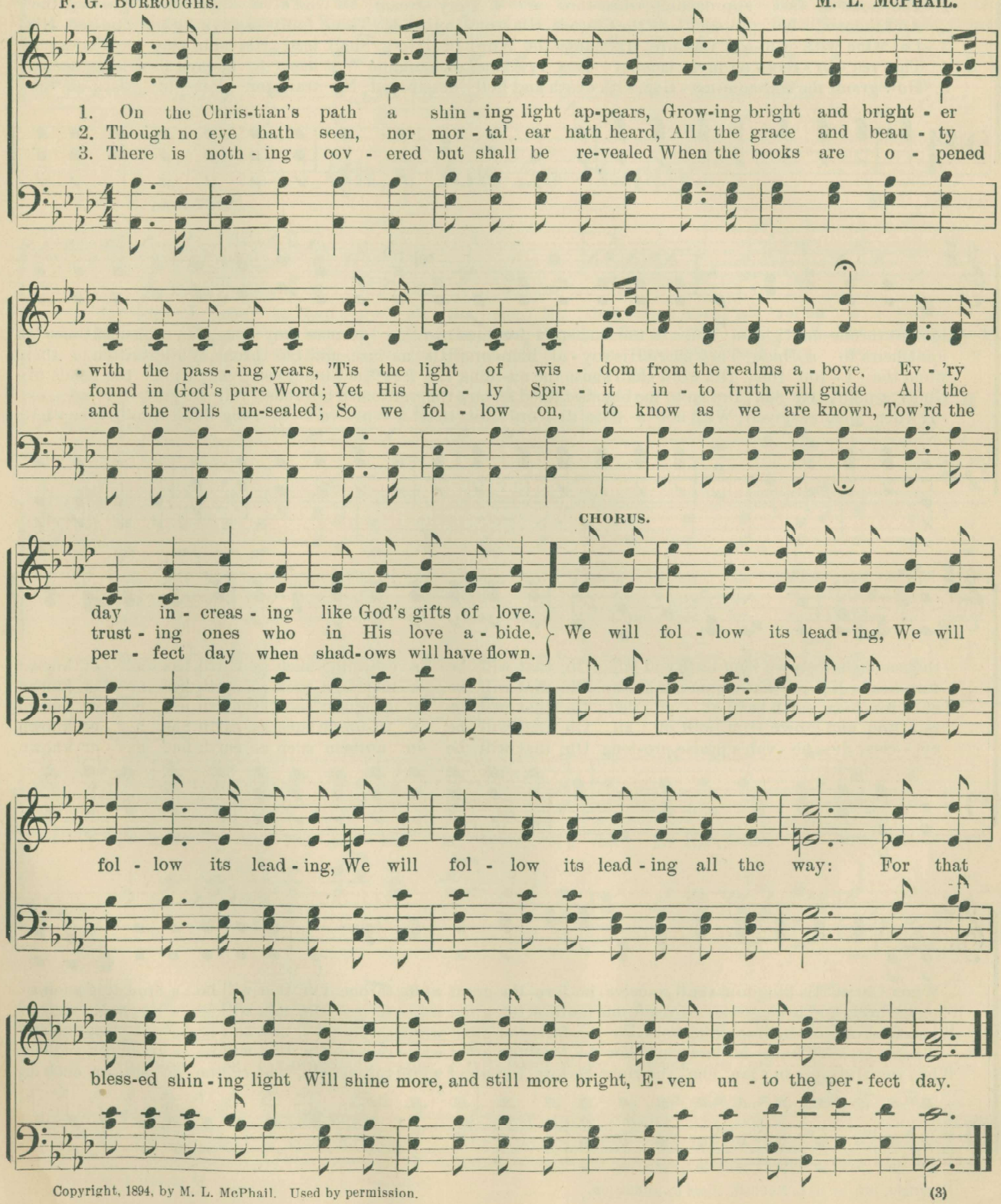
1. On the Chris-tian's path a shin - ing light ap-pears, Grow-ing bright and bright - er
2. Though no eye hath seen, nor mor - tal ear hath heard, All the grace and beau - ty
3. There is noth - ing cov - ered but shall be re-vealed When the books are o - pened
with the pass - ing years, 'Tis the light of wis - dom from the realms a - bove, Ev - 'ry
found in God's pure Word; Yet His Ho - ly Spir - it in - to truth will guide All the
and the rolls un-sealed; So we fol - low on, to know as we are known, Tow'rd the
CHORUS.
day in - creas - ing like God's gifts of love.
trust - ing ones who in His love a - bide.
per - fect day when shad - ows will have flown.
We will fol - low its lead - ing, We will
fol - low its lead - ing, We will fol - low its lead - ing all the way: For that
bless-ed shin - ing light Will shine more, and still more bright, E - ven un - to the per - fect day.

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Before the Great White Throne.

(*First verse*, Dan. 7: 9-14. Lu. 9: 12.) (*Second verse*, Rev. 3: 21. 14: 1-5. 19: 5-9.) (*Third verse*, Rev. 19: 11-16. Ps. 72.)
(*Fourth verse*, Isa. 25: 6-8. 45: 22-25. Lu. 3: 46.) (*Fifth verse*, Rev. 21: 3-8. Ps. 67.)

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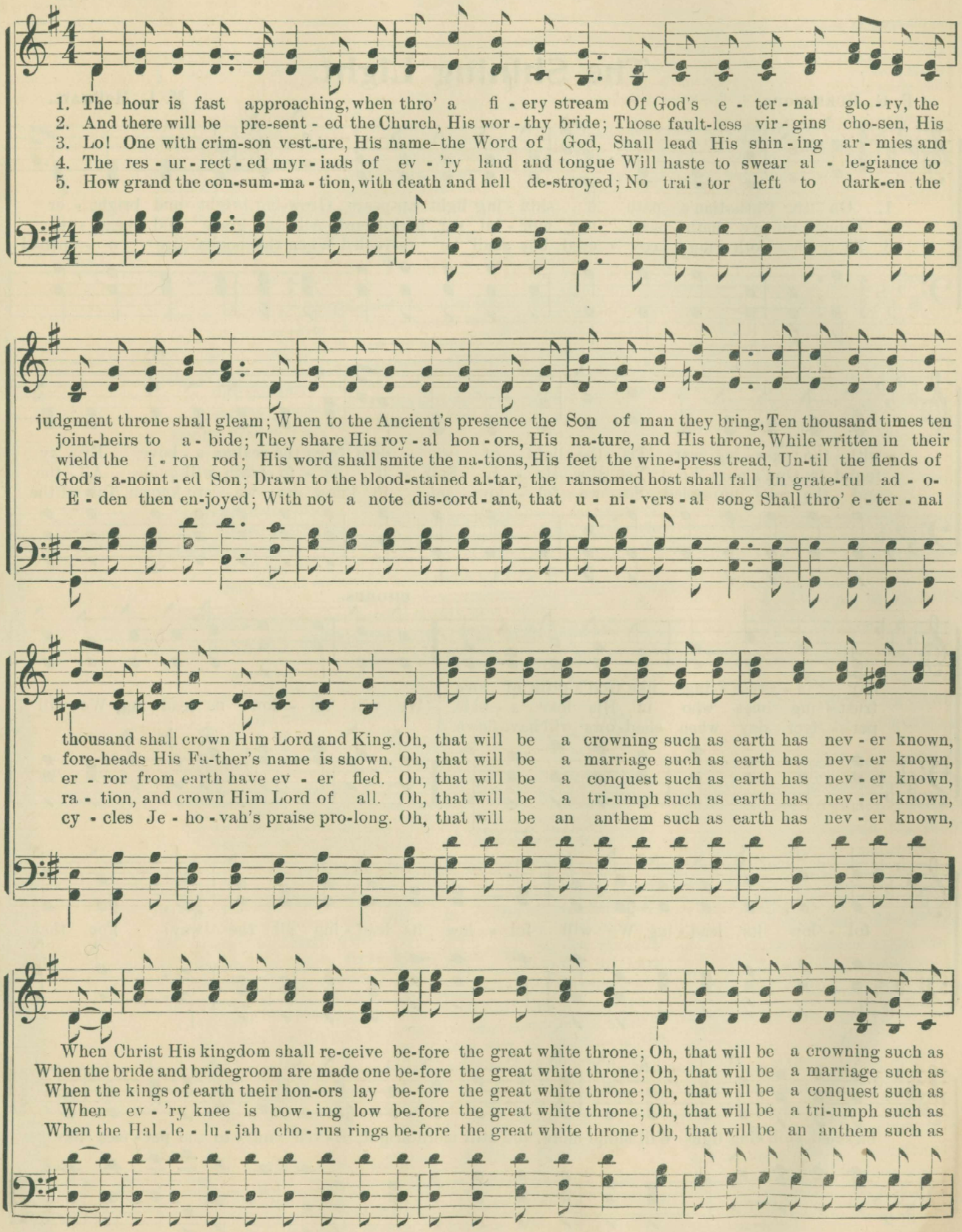
1. The hour is fast approaching, when thro' a fi - ery stream Of God's e - ter - nal glo - ry, the
judgment throne shall gleam; When to the Ancient's presence the Son of man they bring, Ten thousand times ten
thousand shall crown Him Lord and King. Oh, that will be a crowning such as earth has nev - er known,
2. And there will be pre-sent - ed the Church, His wor - thy bride; Those fault-less vir - gins cho-sen, His
joint-heirs to a - bide; They share His roy - al hon - ors, His na-ture, and His throne, While written in their
fore-heads His Fa-ther's name is shown. Oh, that will be a marriage such as earth has nev - er known,
3. Lo! One with crim-son vest-ure, His name—the Word of God, Shall lead His shin - ing ar - mies and
wield the i - ron rod; His word shall smite the na-tions, His feet the wine-press tread, Un-til the fiends of
er - ror from earth have ev - er fled. Oh, that will be a conquest such as earth has nev - er known,
4. The res - ur - rect - ed myr - iads of ev - 'ry land and tongue Will haste to swear al - le-giance to
God's a-noint - ed Son; Drawn to the blood-stained al-tar, the ransomed host shall fall In grate-ful ad - o-
ra - tion, and crown Him Lord of all. Oh, that will be a tri-umph such as earth has nev - er known,
5. How grand the con-sum-ma - tion, with death and hell de-stroyed; No trai - tor left to dark-en the
E - den then en-joyed; With not a note dis-cord - ant, that u - ni - vers - al song Shall thro' e - ter - nal
cy - cles Je - ho - vah's praise pro-long. Oh, that will be an anthem such as earth has nev - er known,
When Christ His kingdom shall re-ceive be-fore the great white throne; Oh, that will be a crowning such as
When the bride and bridegroom are made one be-fore the great white throne; Oh, that will be a marriage such as
When the kings of earth their hon-ors lay be-fore the great white throne; Oh, that will be a conquest such as
When ev - 'ry knee is bow - ing low be-fore the great white throne; Oh, that will be a tri-umph such as
When the Hal - le - lu - jah cho - rus rings be-fore the great white throne; Oh, that will be an anthem such as

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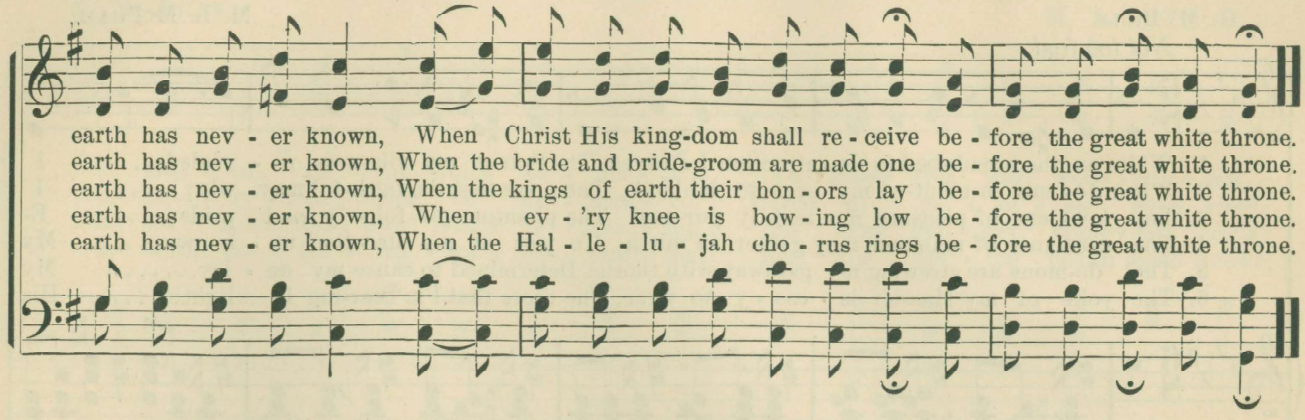
earth has nev - er known, When Christ His king-dom shall re - ceive be - fore the great white throne.
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Oh, I Am So Happy.

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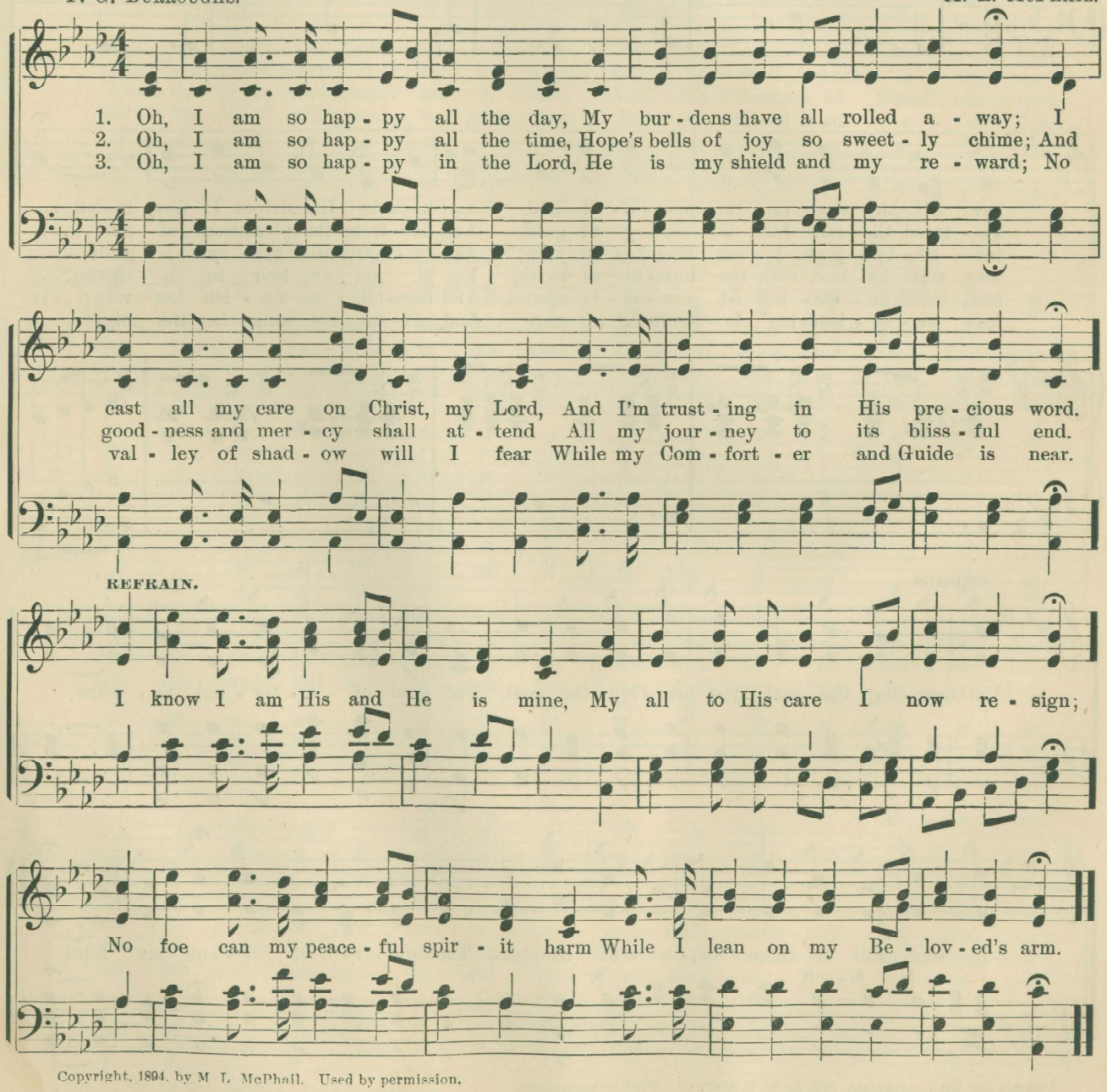
1. Oh, I am so hap - py all the day, My bur - dens have all rolled a - way; I
2. Oh, I am so hap - py all the time, Hope's bells of joy so sweet - ly chime; And
3. Oh, I am so hap - py in the Lord, He is my shield and my re - ward; No
cast all my care on Christ, my Lord, And I'm trust - ing in His pre - cious word.
good - ness and mer - cy shall at - tend All my jour - ney to its bliss - ful end.
val - ley of shad - ow will I fear While my Com - fort - er and Guide is near.
REFRAIN.
I know I am His and He is mine, My all to His care I now re - sign;
No foe can my peace - ful spir - it harm While I lean on my Be - lov - ed's arm.

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I'm Nearing the Goal.

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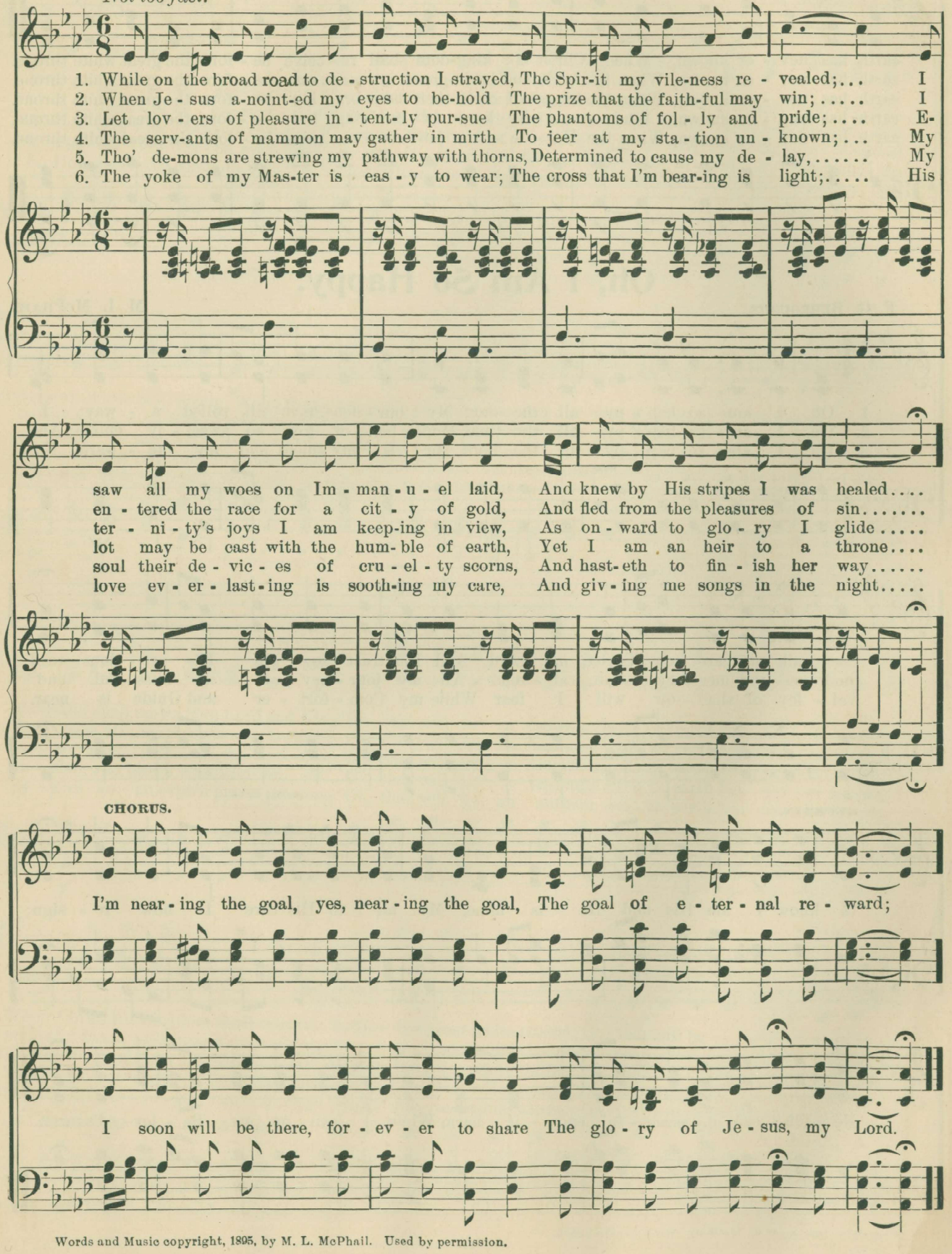
Not too fast.


1. While on the broad road to de - struction I strayed, The Spir-it my vile-ness re - vealed;... I saw all my woes on Im - man - u - el laid, And knew by His stripes I was healed....
2. When Je - sus a-noint-ed my eyes to be-hold The prize that the faith-ful may win;..... I en - tered the race for a cit - y of gold, And fled from the pleasures of sin.....
3. Let lov - ers of pleasure in - tent - ly pur-sue The phantoms of fol - ly and pride;.... E- ter - ni - ty's joys I am keep-ing in view, As on - ward to glo - ry I glide.....
4. The serv-ants of mammon may gather in mirth To jeer at my sta - tion un - known;... My lot may be cast with the hum- ble of earth, Yet I am an heir to a throne....
5. Tho' de-mons are strewing my pathway with thorns, Determined to cause my de - lay,..... My soul their de - vic - es of cru - el - ty scorns, And hast-eth to fin - ish her way.....
6. The yoke of my Mas-ter is eas - y to wear; The cross that I'm bear-ing is light;..... His love ev - er - last - ing is sooth-ing my care, And giv - ing me songs in the night.....
CHORUS.
I'm near - ing the goal, yes, near - ing the goal, The goal of e - ter - nal re - ward;
I soon will be there, for - ev - er to share The glo - ry of Je - sus, my Lord.

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Jubilee Echoes.

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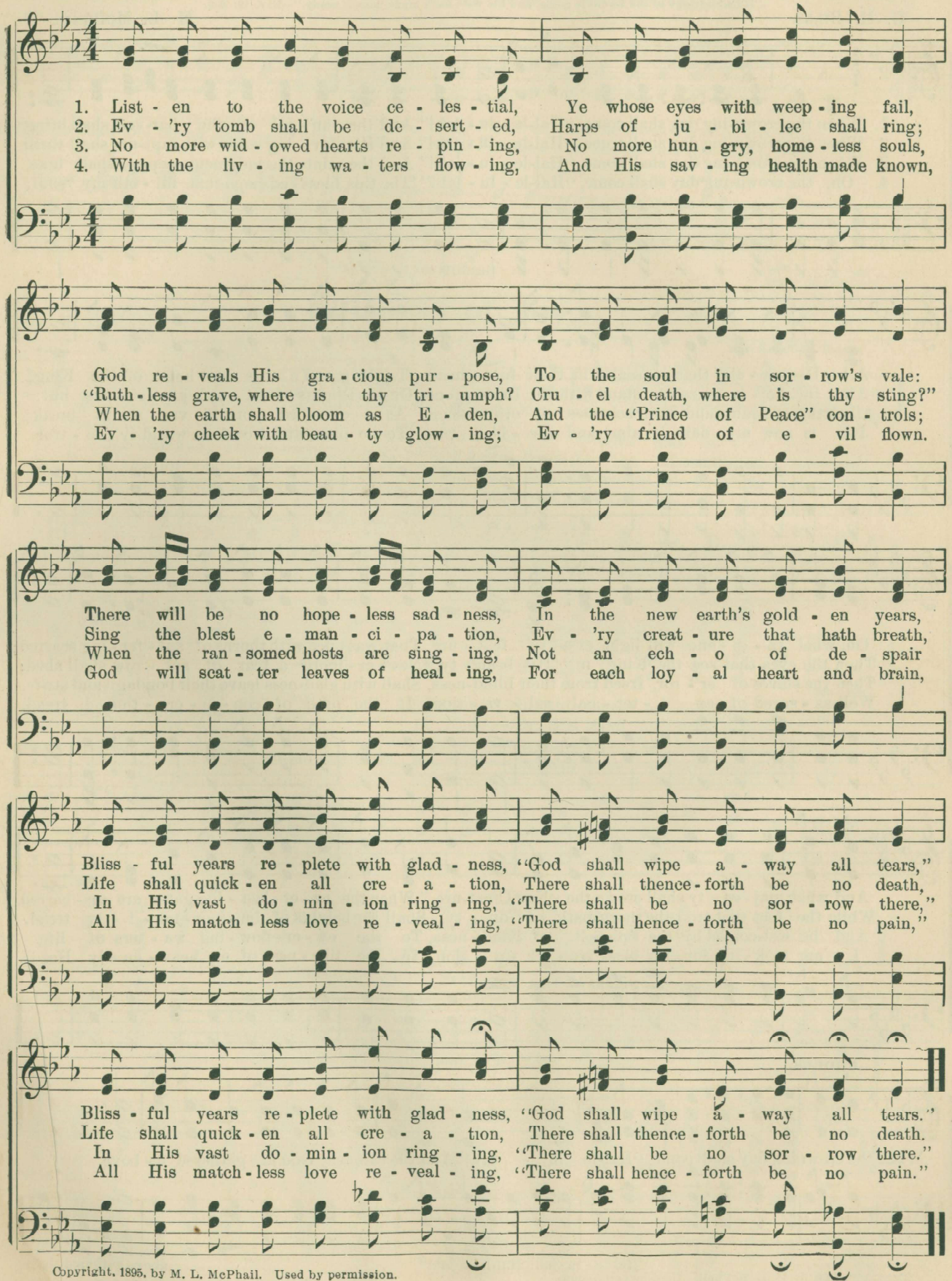
1. List - en to the voice ce - les - tial, Ye whose eyes with weep - ing fail,
2. Ev - 'ry tomb shall be de - sert - ed, Harps of ju - bi - lee shall ring;
3. No more wid - owed hearts re - pin - ing, No more hun - gry, home - less souls,
4. With the liv - ing wa - ters flow - ing, And His sav - ing health made known,
God re - veals His gra - cious pur - pose, To the soul in sor - row's vale:
"Ruth - less grave, where is thy tri - umph? Cru - el death, where is thy sting?"
When the earth shall bloom as E - den, And the "Prince of Peace" con - trols;
Ev - 'ry cheek with beau - ty glow - ing; Ev - 'ry friend of e - vil flown.
There will be no hope - less sad - ness, In the new earth's gold - en years,
Sing the blest e - man - ci - pa - tion, Ev - 'ry creat - ure that hath breath,
When the ran - somed hosts are sing - ing, Not an ech - o of de - spair
God will scat - ter leaves of heal - ing, For each loy - al heart and brain,
Bliss - ful years re - plete with glad - ness, "God shall wipe a - way all tears,"
Life shall quick - en all cre - a - tion, There shall thence - forth be no death,
In His vast do - min - ion ring - ing, "There shall be no sor - row there,"
All His match - less love re - veal - ing, "There shall hence - forth be no pain,"
Bliss - ful years re - plete with glad - ness, "God shall wipe a - way all tears."
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When the Crowning Day Shall Come.

"The marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."—Rev. 19: 6-9.

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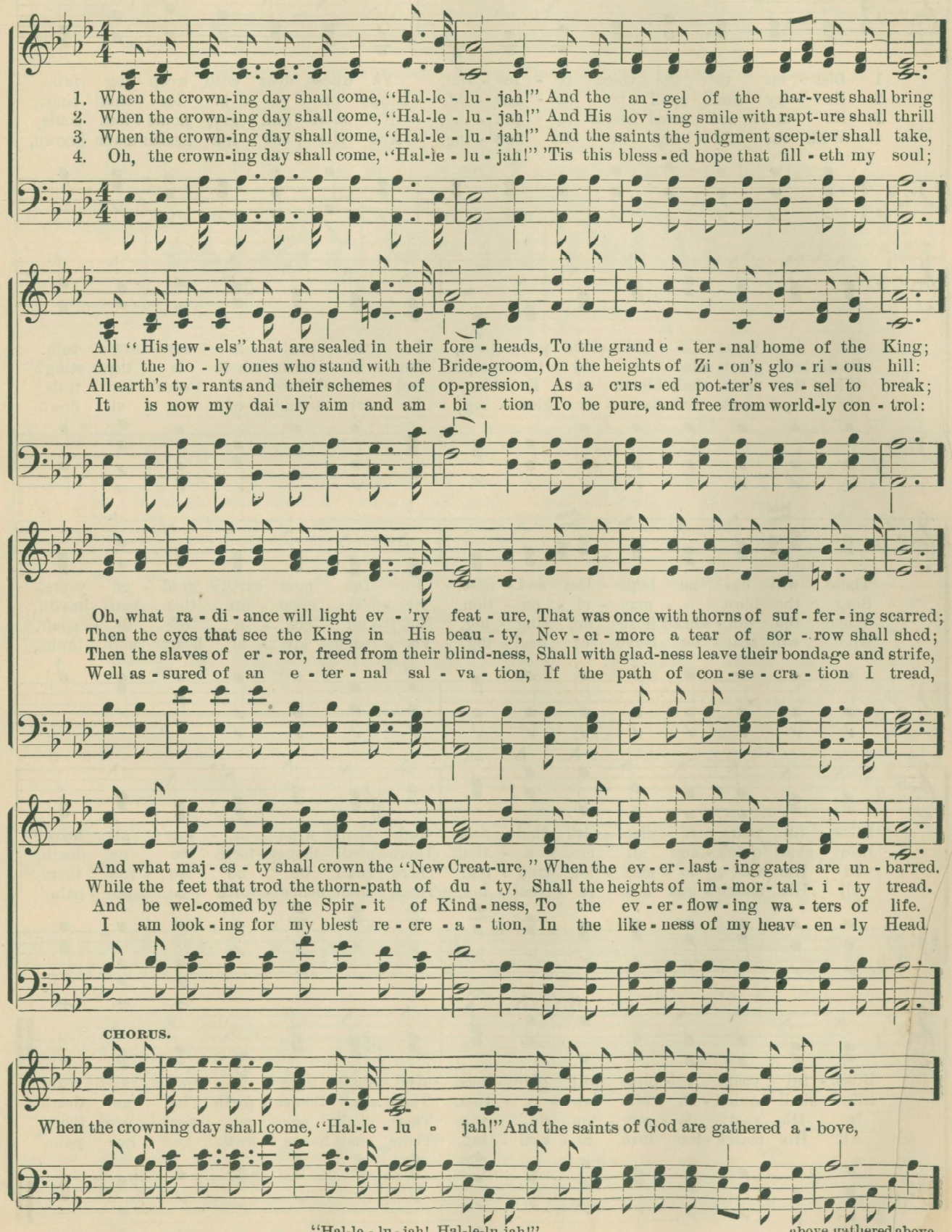
1. When the crown-ing day shall come, "Hal-le - lu - jah!" And the an - gel of the har-vest shall bring
2. When the crown-ing day shall come, "Hal-le - lu - jah!" And His lov - ing smile with rapt-ure shall thrill
3. When the crown-ing day shall come, "Hal-le - lu - jah!" And the saints the judgment scep-ter shall take,
4. Oh, the crown-ing day shall come, "Hal-le - lu - jah!" 'Tis this bless - ed hope that fill - eth my soul;
All "His jew - els" that are sealed in their fore - heads, To the grand e - ter - nal home of the King;
All the ho - ly ones who stand with the Bride-groom, On the heights of Zi - on's glo - ri - ous hill:
All earth's ty - rants and their schemes of op-pression, As a curs - ed pot-ter's ves - sel to break;
It is now my dai - ly aim and am - bi - tion To be pure, and free from world-ly con - trol:
Oh, what ra - di - ance will light ev - 'ry feat - ure, That was once with thorns of suf - fer - ing scarred;
Then the eyes that see the King in His beau - ty, Nev - er - more a tear of sor - row shall shed;
Then the slaves of er - ror, freed from their blind-ness, Shall with glad-ness leave their bondage and strife,
Well as - sured of an e - ter - nal sal - va - tion, If the path of con - se - cra - tion I tread,
And what maj - es - ty shall crown the "New Creat-ure," When the ev - er - last - ing gates are un - barred.
While the feet that trod the thorn-path of du - ty, Shall the heights of im - mor - tal - i - ty tread.
And be wel-comed by the Spir - it of Kind - ness, To the ev - er - flow - ing wa - ters of life.
I am look - ing for my blest re - cre - a - tion, In the like - ness of my heav - en - ly Head.
CHORUS.
When the crowning day shall come, "Hal-le - lu - jah!" And the saints of God are gathered a - bove,
"Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!"
above, gathered above.

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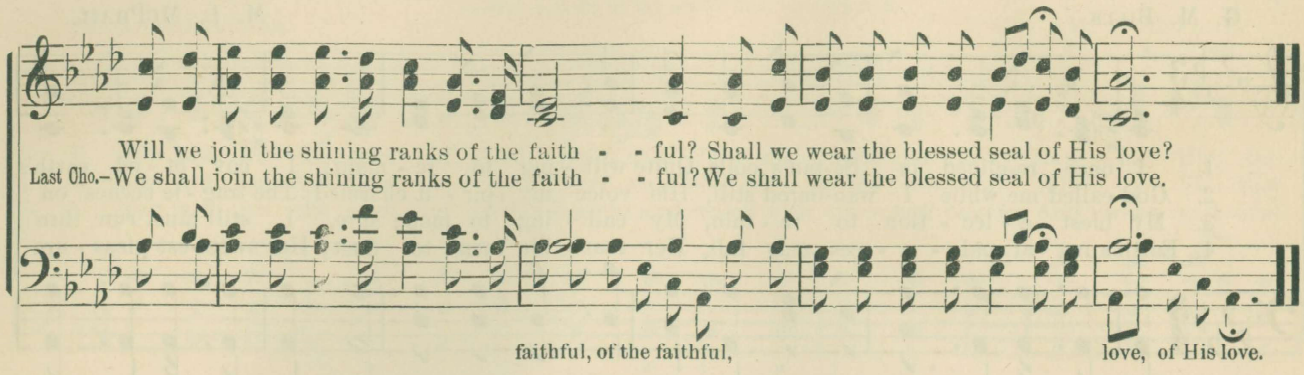
Will we join the shining ranks of the faith - - ful? Shall we wear the blessed seal of His love?
Last Cho.—We shall join the shining ranks of the faith - - ful? We shall wear the blessed seal of His love.
faithful, of the faithful,
love, of His love.

Fullness of Joy.

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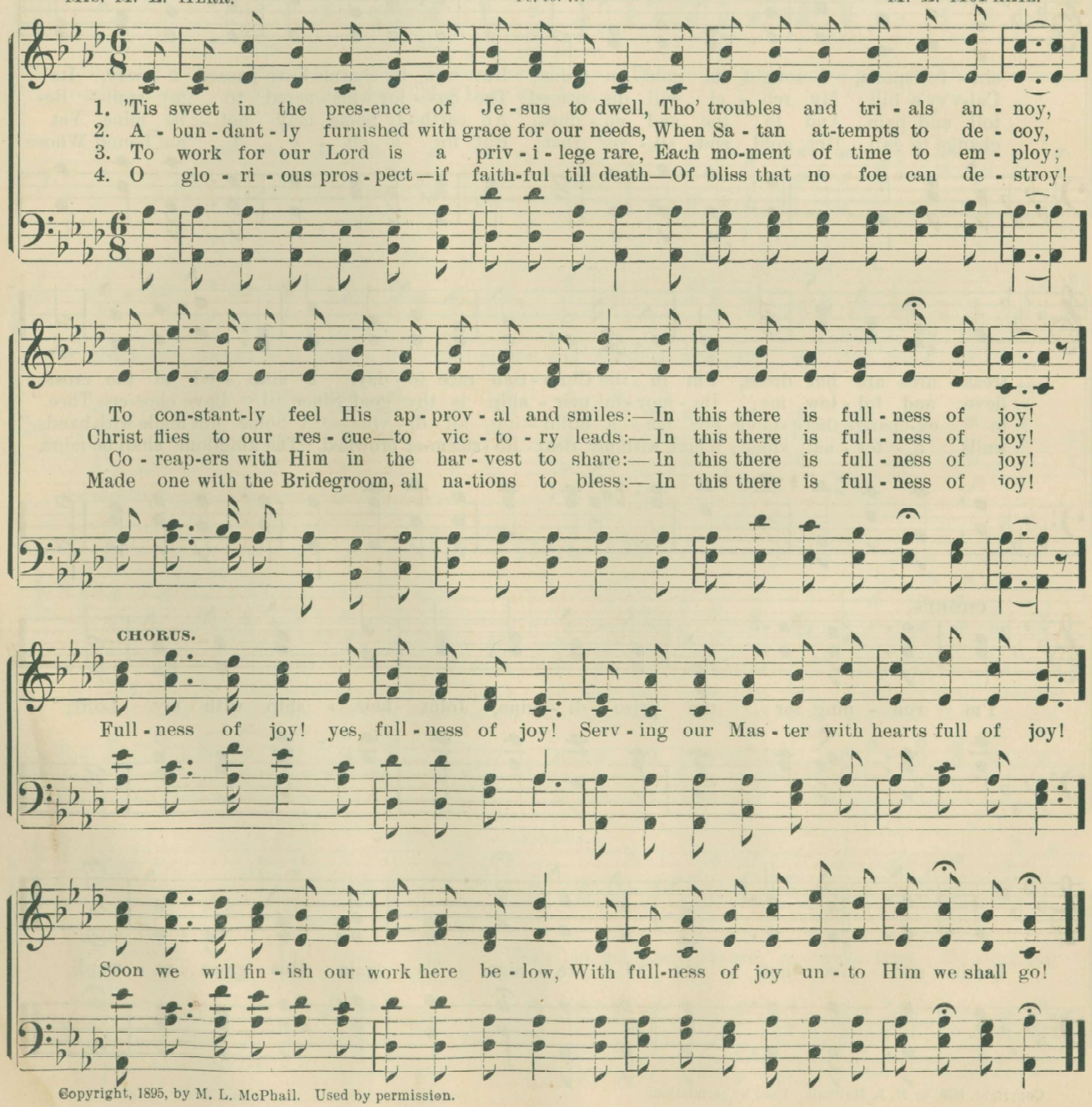
1. 'Tis sweet in the pres-ence of Je - sus to dwell, Tho' troubles and tri - als an - noy,
2. A - bun - dant - ly furnished with grace for our needs, When Sa - tan at-tempts to de - coy,
3. To work for our Lord is a priv - i - lege rare, Each mo-ment of time to em - ploy;
4. O glo - ri - ous pros - pect—if faith-ful till death—Of bliss that no foe can de - stroy!
To con-stant-ly feel His ap - prov - al and smiles:—In this there is full - ness of joy!
Christ flies to our res - cue—to vic - to - ry leads:—In this there is full - ness of joy!
Co - reap-ers with Him in the har - vest to share:—In this there is full - ness of joy!
Made one with the Bridegroom, all na-tions to bless:—In this there is full - ness of joy!
CHORUS.
Full - ness of joy! yes, full - ness of joy! Serv - ing our Mas - ter with hearts full of joy!
Soon we will fin - ish our work here be - low, With full-ness of joy un - to Him we shall go!

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I'm Running for the Prize Divine.

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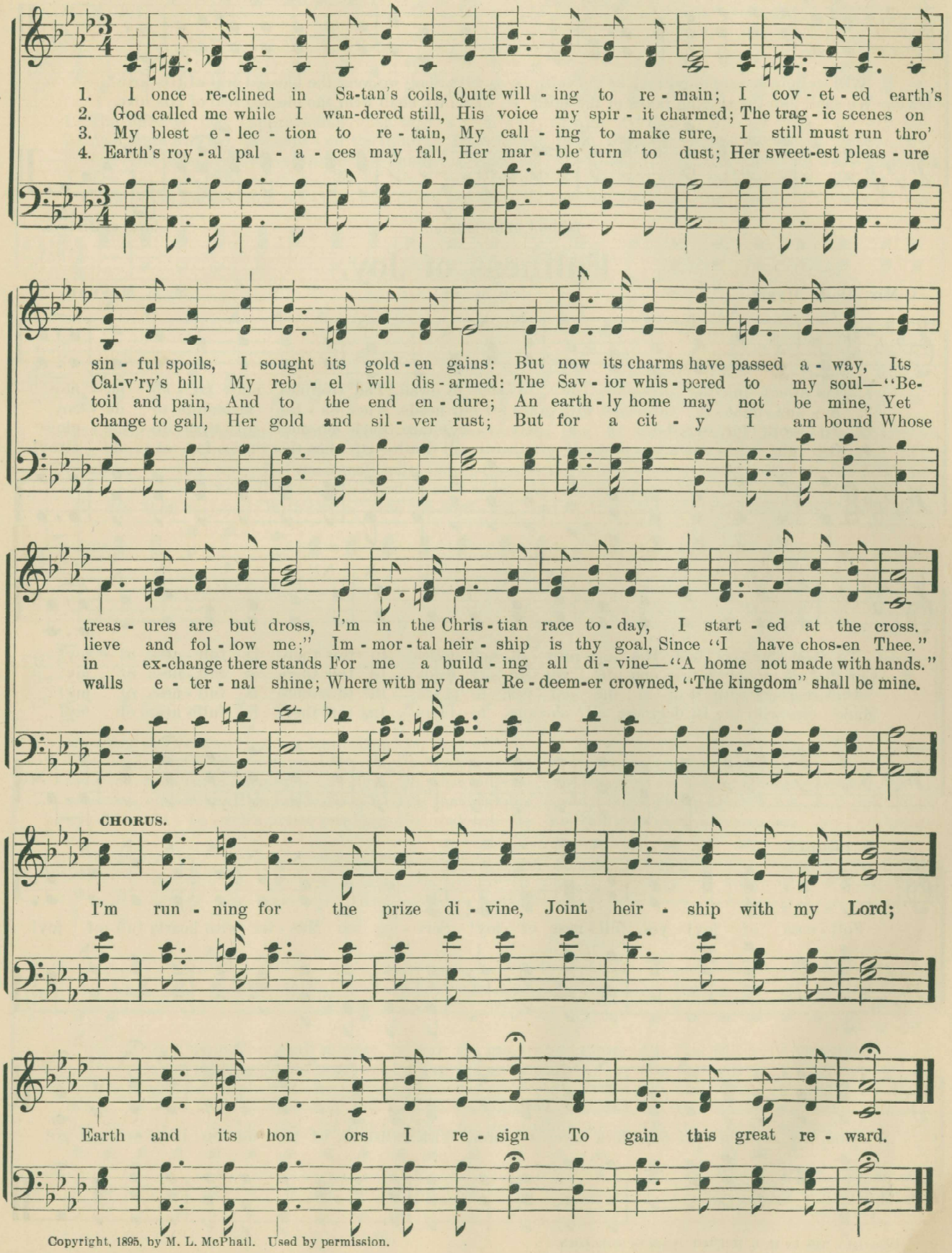
1. I once re-clined in Sa-tan's coils, Quite will - ing to re - main; I cov - et - ed earth's sin - ful spoils, I sought its gold - en gains: But now its charms have passed a - way, Its treas - ures are but dross, I'm in the Chris - tian race to - day, I start - ed at the cross.
2. God called me while I wan-dered still, His voice my spir - it charmed; The trag - ic scenes on Cal-v'ry's hill My reb - el will dis - armed: The Sav - ior whis - pered to my soul—"Be- lieve and fol - low me;" Im - mor - tal heir - ship is thy goal, Since "I have chos-en Thee."
3. My blest e - lec - tion to re - tain, My call - ing to make sure, I still must run thro' toil and pain, And to the end en - dure; An earth - ly home may not be mine, Yet in ex-change there stands For me a build - ing all di - vine—"A home not made with hands."
4. Earth's roy - al pal - a - ces may fall, Her mar - ble turn to dust; Her sweet-est pleas - ure change to gall, Her gold and sil - ver rust; But for a cit - y I am bound Whose walls e - ter - nal shine; Where with my dear Re - deem-er crowned, "The kingdom" shall be mine.
CHORUS.
I'm run - ning for the prize di - vine, Joint heir - ship with my Lord;
Earth and its hon - ors I re - sign To gain this great re - ward.

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"Now are We the Sons of God."

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God."—1 John 3: 2.

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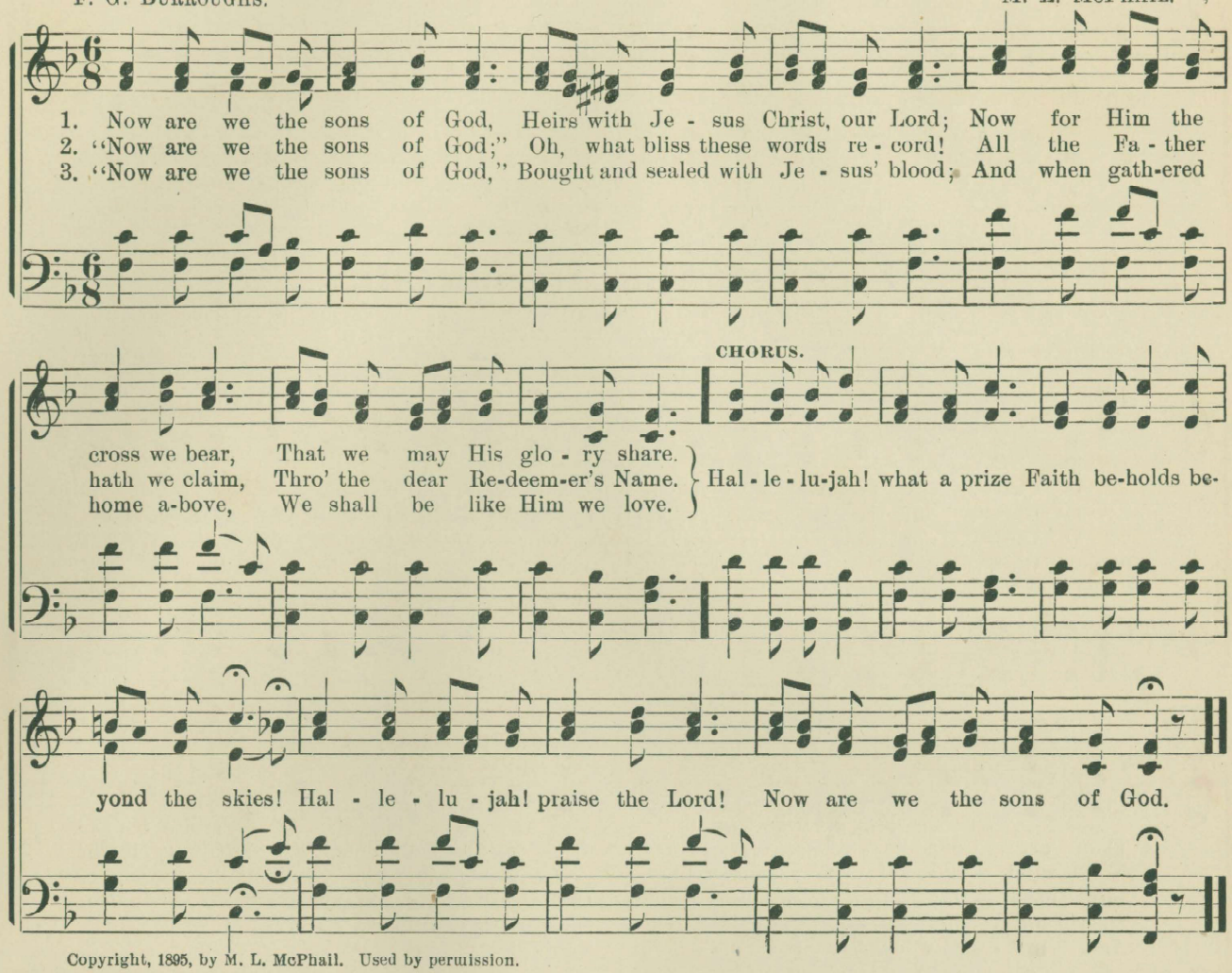
1. Now are we the sons of God, Heirs with Je - sus Christ, our Lord; Now for Him the
2. "Now are we the sons of God;" Oh, what bliss these words re - cord! All the Fa - ther
3. "Now are we the sons of God," Bought and sealed with Je - sus' blood; And when gath-ered
CHORUS.
cross we bear, That we may His glo - ry share.
hath we claim, Thro' the dear Re-deem-er's Name.
home a-bove, We shall be like Him we love.
Hal - le - lu-jah! what a prize Faith be-holds be-
yond the skies! Hal - le - lu - jah! praise the Lord! Now are we the sons of God.

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In That Day.

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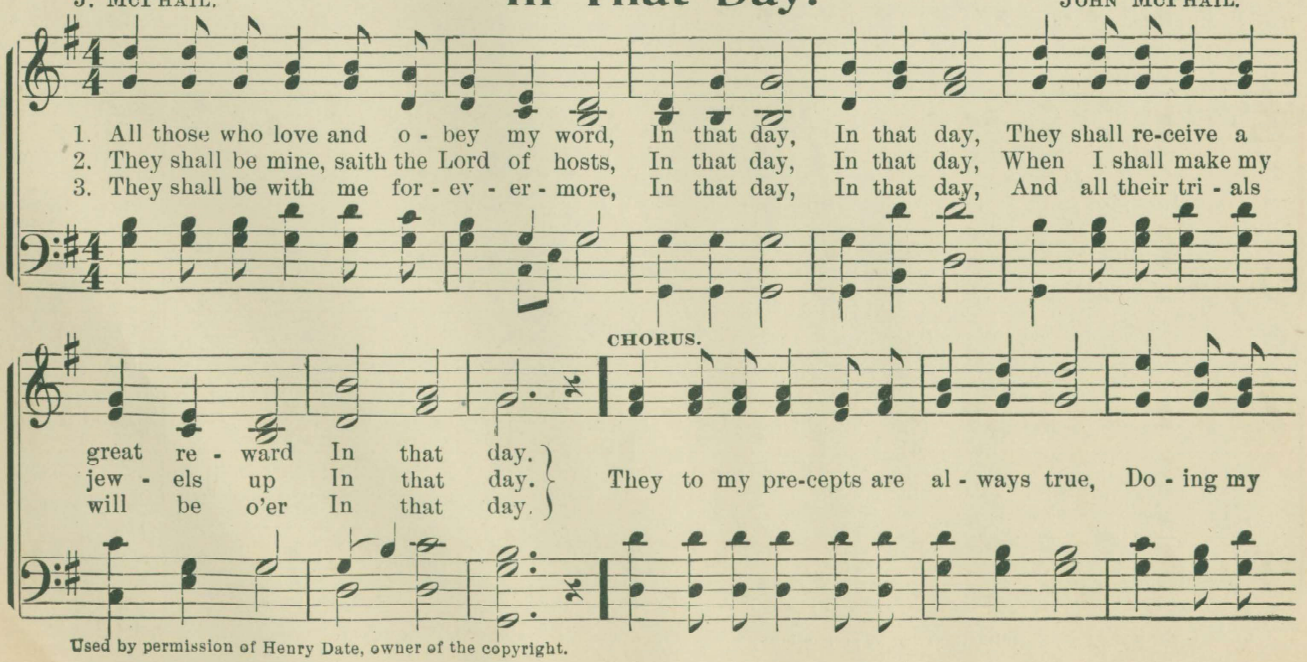
1. All those who love and o - bey my word, In that day, In that day, They shall re-ceive a
2. They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, In that day, In that day, When I shall make my
3. They shall be with me for - ev - er - more, In that day, In that day, And all their tri - als
CHORUS.
great re - ward In that day.
jew - els up In that day.
will be o'er In that day.
They to my pre-cepts are al - ways true, Do - ing my

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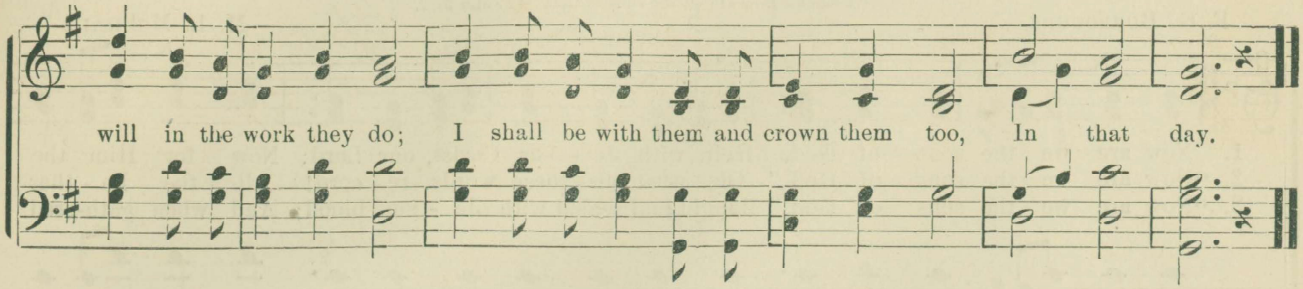
In That Day—Concluded.



O Christ, Our Immortality.

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is *in his Son*. He that hath the Son of God hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."—1 John 5: 11, 12.

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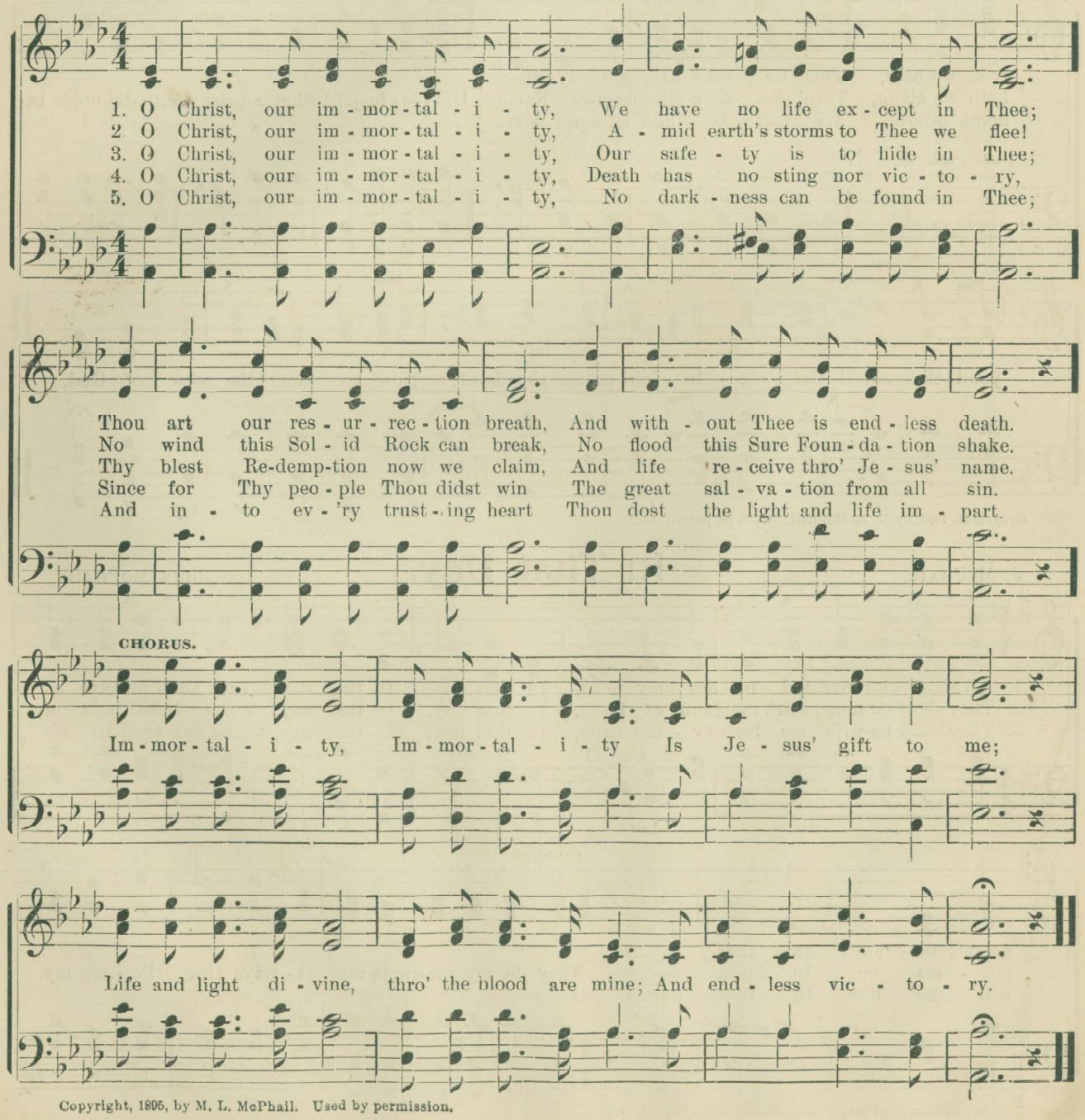
1. O Christ, our im - mor - tal - i - ty, We have no life ex - cept in Thee;
2. O Christ, our im - mor - tal - i - ty, A - mid earth's storms to Thee we flee!
3. O Christ, our im - mor - tal - i - ty, Our safe - ty is to hide in Thee;
4. O Christ, our im - mor - tal - i - ty, Death has no sting nor vic - to - ry,
5. O Christ, our im - mor - tal - i - ty, No dark - ness can be found in Thee;
Thou art our res - ur - rec - tion breath, And with - out Thee is end - less death.
No wind this Sol - id Rock can break, No flood this Sure Foun - da - tion shake.
Thy blest Re-demp-tion now we claim, And life re - ceive thro' Je - sus' name.
Since for Thy peo - ple Thou didst win The great sal - va - tion from all sin.
And in - to ev - 'ry trust - ing heart Thou dost the light and life im - part.
CHORUS.
Im - mor - tal - i - ty, Im - mor - tal - i - ty Is Je - sus' gift to me;
Life and light di - vine, thro' the blood are mine; And end - less vic - to - ry.

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